

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1           1.       A system to distribute electronic publications, comprising:  
2                   a portable electronic book adapted to receive and interface with a removable  
3 storage device storing electronic photographs generated by a digital camera; and  
4                   an information services system including a centralized bookshelf and a  
5 personal photo albums module associated with the portable electronic book, the centralized  
6 bookshelf including electronic reading materials requested and owned by the portable  
7 electronic book, the personal photo albums module including electronic photographs owned  
8 by the portable electronic book.

1           2.       The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book extracts  
2 the electronic photograph from the removable storage device and upload the electronic  
3 photograph to the personal photo albums module.

1           3.       The system of claim 1, wherein the removable storage device is a flash  
2 memory card.

1           4.       The system of claim 1, wherein the electronic photographs are JPEG  
2 (Joint Photographic Experts Group) files.

1           5.       The system of claim 1, wherein the personal photo albums module  
2 includes a plurality of photo albums, and each of the plurality of photo albums is capable of  
3 storing a plurality of electronic photographs.

1           6.       The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book displays  
2 thumbnails to a user, each of the thumbnails represents one electronic photograph stored on  
3 the removable storage device.

1           7.       The system of claim 6, wherein the portable electronic book includes a  
2 page turning mechanism to enable a user to scroll through different sets of thumbnails.

1           8.       The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book scales an  
2 electronic photograph selected from the electronic photographs stored on the removable  
3 storage device.

1                   9.       The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book rotates an  
2 electronic photograph selected from the electronic photographs stored on the removable  
3 storage device.

1                   10.      The system of claim 1, wherein the portable electronic book  
2 communicates with the information services system through an electrical communication  
3 link.

1                   11.      The system of claim 10, wherein the electrical communication link is  
2 established via a high-speed modem.

1                   12.      A method to distribute electronic publications, comprising:  
2                   inserting a removable storage device into a portable electronic book, the  
3 removable storage device containing electronic photographs generated by a digital camera;  
4 and  
5                   uploading the electronic photographs to an information services system, the  
6 information services including a centralized bookshelf and a personal photo albums module  
7 associated with the portable electronic book, the centralized bookshelf including electronic  
8 reading materials requested and owned by the portable electronic book, the personal photo  
9 albums module including electronic photographs owned by the portable electronic book.

1                   13.      The method of claim 12, further comprising retrieving the electronic  
2 photographs from the removable storage device.

1                   14.      The method of claim 12, further comprising storing the electronic  
2 photographs on the removable storage device as JPEG (Joint Photographic Experts Group)  
3 files.

1                   15.      The method of claim 12, further comprising including a plurality of  
2 photo albums in the personal photo albums module, wherein each of the plurality of photo  
3 albums is capable of storing a plurality of electronic photographs.

1                   16.      The method of claim 12, further comprising displaying thumbnails on  
2 a display screen of the portable electronic book, wherein each of the thumbnails represents  
3 one electronic photograph stored on the removable storage device.

1                   17.     The system of claim 16, further comprising scrolling through different  
2     sets of thumbnails using a page turning mechanism on the portable electronic book.

1                   18.     The system of claim 12, further comprising scaling an electronic  
2     photograph selected from the electronic photographs stored on the removable storage device.

1                   19.     The system of claim 12, further comprising rotating an electronic  
2     photograph selected from the electronic photographs stored on the removable storage device.

1                   20.     The system of claim 12, further comprising establishing an electrical  
2     communication link to enable the portable electronic book to communicate with the  
3     information services system.

1                   21.     The system of claim 20, further comprising using a high-speed modem  
2     to testable the electrical communication link between the portable electronic book and the  
3     information services system.